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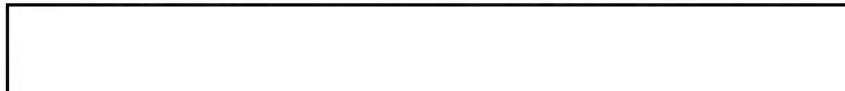
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Review of Insurgency Problems

1. Colombia

Specially trained troops of the Sixth Brigade have continued to pursue remnants of the gangs of Tiro Fijo and Mayor Ciro. They killed 11 bandits fleeing from Marquetalia and Riochiquito and captured more than 70. Those former Communist "enclaves" now are occupied by the army and will become the scene of a concentrated Civic Action program, aided by social workers and church organizations.

Meanwhile, in the north, 11,000 longshoremen struck three major ports--Barranquilla, Cartagena, and Santa Marta--and threatened to strike the west coast ports of Buenaventura and Tumaco. The longshoremen are primarily interested in increasing their wages and enlarging their fringe benefits, but Communist and other extremist "advisers" may induce the unions to adopt an antigovernment political orientation, usually a prelude to violence in Colombian labor disputes.

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2. Guatemala

The Rebel Armed Forces (FAR), the guerrilla/terrorist arm of the Guatemalan Communist Party (PGT), have threatened the lives of Col. Rafael Arriaga Bosque, commander of the military zone of Guatemala City, and Col. Carlos Gonzalez Palacios. The latter, the former chief of the Judicial Police, has been appointed consul general at Miami to remove him from danger.

FAR has further threatened an extensive program of terrorism and sabotage, specifically indicating train derailments. The derailment of a train on 11 October at Las Cruces in the southwestern department of Retalhuleu may have been part of this program.

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On 8 October two soldiers were machine-gunned to death on the Atlantic Highway in the north-eastern Izabal region favored by the guerrillas.

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3. Peru

Information available to the US military attachés in Lima indicates that the Peruvian Army has finally taken over the areas on Mesa Pelada, Cuzco Department, defended by the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) guerrillas, but that the small guerrilla group which had been resisting the army offensive eluded capture. Mesa Pelada has been the scene of a month-long army counter-insurgency operation against the southern guerrilla contingent of the MIR.

Small-scale military-guerrilla encounters can be expected as the army continues to search the areas around Mesa Pelada. The army also is continuing its patrols and intelligence efforts in the central zone to locate and destroy the roving MIR guerrilla bands.

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